

NEW, CONTINUATION, DIVISIONAL OR  
CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Attorney Docket No. 2171-000149

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R §1.53(b) is a patent application for SEALING BLADE

identified by: ☒ First named inventor: A. Dale Maddox  
or ☒ Attorney Docket No. (see above)

1. Type of Application

☒ This application is a new (non-continuing) application.

☐ This application is a ☐ continuation / ☐ divisional / ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a [continuation/division/continuation-in-part] of United States patent application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.--

☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

If for some reason applicant has not requested a sufficient extension of time in the parent application, and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for any necessary response in the parent application and/or for the extension of time necessary to prevent the abandonment of the parent application prior to the filing of this application, please consider this as a Request for an Extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any fee that may be due. THIS FORM IS BEING FILED IN TRIPLICATE: one copy for this application; one copy for use in connection with the Deposit Account (if applicable); and one copy for the above-mentioned parent application (if any extension of time is necessary).

2. Contents of Application

a. Specification of 16 pages;

- ☐ A microfiche computer program (Appendix);  
☐ A nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence submission;

☐ Because the enclosed application is in a non-English language, a verified English translation ☐ is enclosed ☐ will be filed.

☐ Cancel original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing date purposes.)

b. ☒ Drawings on 4 sheets;

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c. ☒ A signed Oath/Declaration is enclosed.

The enclosed Oath/Declaration is newly executed.

d. **Fees**

FILING FEE	Number			Number			Basic Fee	
CALCULATION	Filed			Extra		Rate		\$690.00
Total Claims	20	-	20 =	0	×	\$18.00	=	0.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3 =	0	×	\$78.00	=	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Used						\$260.00	=	0.00
FILING FEE - NON-SMALL ENTITY								690.00
FILING FEE - SMALL ENTITY: Reduction by 1/2								
[ ] Verified Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is enclosed.								0.00
[ ] Verified Statement filed in prior application.								
Assignment Recordal Fee (\$40.00)								40.00
37 C.F.R. §1.17(k) Fee (non-English application)								0.00
TOTAL								730.00

☒ A check is enclosed to cover the calculated fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

[ ] The calculated fees will be paid within the time allotted for completion of the filing requirements.

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3. **Priority Information**

[ ] **Foreign Priority:** Priority based on \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, is claimed.

[ ] A copy of the above referenced priority document [ ] is enclosed / [ ] will be filed in due course, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d).

[ ] **Provisional Application Priority:** Priority based on United States Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

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**4. Other Submissions**

☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of PTO Form 1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ patent(s)/publications/documents are enclosed.

☒ A power of attorney

☒ is submitted with the new Oath/Declaration.

☐ is of record in the prior application and ☐ is in the original papers / ☐ a copy is enclosed.

☒ An Assignment of the invention

☒ is enclosed with a cover sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§3.11, 3.28 and 3.31.

☐ is of record in a prior application. The assignment is to \_\_\_\_\_, and is recorded at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ An Establishment of Assignee's Right To Prosecute Application Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), and Power Of Attorney is enclosed.

☒ An Express Mailing Certificate is enclosed.

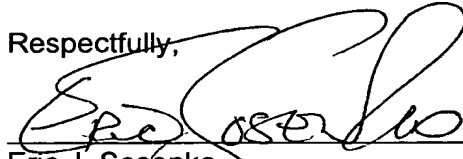
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I hereby certify and verify that this Express Mailing Certificate and the Accompanying Complete Application and Transmittal in Triplicate; Declaration/Power of Attorney; Assignment and Transmittal; Four (4) Sheets of Drawings; Check in the Amount of \$730.00 and Postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail To Addressee" service under 37 C. F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231.

  
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